implemented throughout the country. With the successful implementation of these programmes, morbidity and mortality due to these diseases have been reduced considerably promoting the life expectancy.

(e) to (g) With a view to ensure effective utilisation of the services of Central Govt. Pensioners, the Department of Pension & Pensioner's Welfare has identified a number of areas in various Social Sector Deptts. where the pensioners/pensioner's organisation could play a meaningful role.

Indigenous production of pacemakers

4752. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken to make pacemaker in the country;

(b) if so, the private/public sector manufacturing units which have made efforts in that regard;

(c) the year by which indigenously made implantable pacemakers are likely to be ready in the country; and

(d) the details of the steps taken in this direction?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (d) Single chamber non-programmable pacemakers are already available in the country. 90% of the pacemakers use in India are of the single chamber type. The dual chamber pacemakers are very expensive and are specially used in younger patients with poor heart functions. Shri Pacetraonics Ltd., Indore (M.P.) are manufacturing pacemakers. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad are also carrying out clinical tests for another pacemaker.

केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के विरुद्ध शिकायतें

4753. श्री आस मोहम्मद: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना, केन्द्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों को संतोषजनक सेवाएं प्रदान नहीं कर रही है;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले में कोई जांच करवाई है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) गत वर्ष और चालू वित्तीय वर्ष में अब तक दिल्ली में इस योजना के अंतर्गत कुल कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पबन सिंह घाटोवार): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय अनुप्रयुक्त आर्थिक अनुसंधान परिषद के एक दल ने केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना के कार्यकरण के लिए एक अध्ययन किया था जिसने केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों/पेंशन भोगियों इत्यादि को चिकित्सीय सुविधाएं प्रदान करने में केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा निभाई जा रही भूमिका की प्रशंसा की है।

(घ) पिछले वर्ष और चालू वित्त वर्ष के दौरान 199 शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं।

Death of Children due to spurious polio vaccine

4754. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR:
SHRI S. MUTHU MANI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated the 5th April, 1995 captioned 'Spurious polio vaccine kills eight children';

(b) if so, what is the factual position of this matter;

(c) whether it is also a fact that some time back similar incidents had taken place in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether any preventive action was taken in view of the Madhya Pradesh reports in this regard; and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what are the details of measures Government propose to take now to ensure that such type of incidents do not take place in future?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Three children died following measles immunization in Debagram village, district Nadia, West Bengal. Similar incidents have been reported sometime back from Madhya Pradesh. To minimise the risk of deaths due to errors in handling and administration of vaccine, guidelines have again been issued to all States. Training programmes for concerned personnel have been stepped up. State Governments are required to investigate serious adverse events following immunization (including deaths) immediately. For this purpose they have been advised to set up standing committees of experts to help them investigate the incidents and take corrective action.

Effect of Smoking

4755. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether studies have revealed that more number of people smoke in India than in most of the other developing countries in the World; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to educate the people about the harmful effects of smoking and to persuade them to stop smoking?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Adult per capita cigarette consumption in India is one of the lowest among developing countries. However, due to large population the absolute total number of smokers is likely to be one of the highest among developing countries.

(b) Steps are being taken to educate the people regarding harmful effects of tobacco consumption through electronic media, audio-visual and publication of posters etc.

Delay in setting up of Industrial growth centre in Arunachal Pradesh

4756. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to establish an "Industrial growth Centre" in Arunachal Pradesh which has been cleared by all other authorities but is pending with the Cabinet for its final approval; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in Cabinet approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Project report received from the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for the lone growth centre allotted to the State at Niklok-Ngorlung, was sent to appraising agency for its appraisal. The appraising agency (I.C.I.C.I.) had found some deficiencies in the report and they have sought some clarifications from the State Government, which, as per the records available in the Ministry, are still awaited.

Tender for supply of coal to Cement Corporation of India

4757. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cement Corporation of India has floated a global tender inviting tenders from foreign suppliers of coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof as also the reasons for inviting foreign tenders;